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COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER'S OFFICE TO BRING BACK "DESTINATION WEDDINGS" AT JOHN MUIR HOUSE IN MARTINEZ ON MAY 27, 2022

The Contra Costa Clerk-Recorder's Office is bringing back the popular "Destination Weddings" event in partnership with the National Park Service. Members of the public will have a very special opportunity to hold their wedding ceremony at the John Muir National Historic Site on Friday, May 27, 2022. Fourteen ceremonies have been scheduled between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, and will be performed outside, at the bottom of the steps, in front of the beautiful home at 4202 Alhambra Avenue in Martinez.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring back this very popular and special event," Acting Assistant Clerk-Recorder Laura Wilson said. "We have some beautiful locations in Contra Costa County and our staff enjoy giving customers a unique experience for their wedding day that they will remember forever."

Past locations for Destination Weddings have included the John Muir house, Mount Diablo State Park in Concord, Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front Park in Richmond, and the California Theatre in Pittsburg. The Pandemic put a hold on these events for 2 ½ years. Customers and staff have been eagerly awaiting the time when the office could begin scheduling them again.

The Victorian Style mansion which was built in 1882 will provide a stunning backdrop for all the couples getting married tomorrow. The ceremonies performed at the John Muir National Historic Site will be set in a piece of Contra Costa history.

Because of the event's popularity, all ceremony appointments for this Destination Weddings event have been booked, and no unscheduled appointments will be accommodated. The Clerk-Recorder's office is providing seating for five guests for each ceremony.

A marriage license must be obtained before a ceremony can be performed. Couples must purchase a license before their ceremony appointment at the County Clerk-Recorder's office in Martinez. The fee for a public marriage license is \$86, while a confidential license is \$90. The civil marriage ceremony fee is \$60.

For information about marriage license and ceremony services, go to www.contracostacore.us or call the office at 925-335-7900 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.
(See Photos Below)



Figure 1 Front of John Muir House with chairs and a podium set up.



Figure 2 Photographer taking a picture of a newly married couple in front of the John Muir House.